LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1.   (Cancelled)

2.   (Original)   A method for simulating a dynamic run-time user interaction with a voice application, said method comprising the steps of:

loading a user simulation script programmed to specify simulated voice interactions with the voice application;

deriving from the voice application a nominal output;

generating a simulated output for the voice application corresponding to the nominal output;

generating a first simulated input for the voice application corresponding to a first pre-determined user input to the voice application, if the nominal output satisfies a first condition; and

generating a second simulated input for the voice application corresponding to a second pre-determined user input to the voice application, if the nominal output satisfies a second condition different from the first condition.

3.   (Original)   The method of claim 2,

wherein the user simulation script is specified in a customized mark-up language, the customized mark-up language having a set of one or more conditional tags.

4.   (Original)   The method of claim 3,

wherein the customized mark-up language includes an internal variable for nominal

output of the voice application.

5.   (Original)   The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of:

setting the internal variable to equal the nominal output of the voice application;

resolving a first conditional statement using a first conditional tag to generate the first

simulated input if the internal variable equals a first nominal output of the voice application; and

resolving a second conditional statement using a second conditional tag to generate the

second simulated input if the internal variable equals a second nominal output of the voice

application.

Claims 6-13   (Cancelled)